

PROPOSED BY: Executive
December 7, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2021-046

**ACCEPTING THE 2022 WHATCOM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) AND AMENDED
APPENDIX AND APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF THE DRAFT TO THE UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-046 in the matter of updating the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy was approved on October 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 105-393, implemented in 1999, amends the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and re-authorizes Economic Development Administration Programs for five years; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Port of Bellingham, through its Economic Development Division, completed the work to update the document; and

WHEREAS, due to delays related to other priorities the resolution was not approved until October 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that delay, the five-year CEDS update should be changed to reflect a five-year term beginning in 2022 and running through 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Bellingham updated the CEDS Project List to reflect new 2022 county priorities and this updated Project List is included as Appendix #6 in the 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as presented by the Port of Bellingham; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby accepts the 2022 Whatcom County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for submission to the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration by the Port of Bellingham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council officially adopts the 2022-2026 Whatcom County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as the County's interim overall economic develop plan.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED as to form:

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor